Totalitarianism Essay Test Documents

**Document #1 – Nazi Germany**

From Hitler’s *Mein Kampf*

*On racial purity:*

“The stronger must dominate the weaker and not blend with the weaker, thus sacrificing his own greatness…All great cultures of the past perished only because the originally creative race died out from blood poisoning…”

*On the Jews:*

“With every means he [the Jew] tries to subjugate…Culturally he contaminates art, literature, the theater, makes a mockery of natural feeling, overthrows all concepts of beauty and sublimity, of the noble and the good, and instead drags men down….

*On Germany’s defeat in WWI:*

“It was not [the defeats] which caused our downfall; no, it was brought about by that power [Jews and Marxists] which prepared these defeats by systematically over many decades robbing our people of the political and moral instincts and forces…”

**Document #2 Nazi Germany**

“Everything I undertake is directed against Russia. If the West is too stupid and too blind to comprehend that, I will be forced to come to an understanding with the Russians, to smash the West, and then after its defeat, to turn against the Soviet Union with my assembled forces.” Hitler to the high commissioner of Danzig, Source: *Diplomacy* by Henry Kissinger

**Document #3 – Nazi Germany**

[Image of children reading a book]

Document #3 – U.S.S.R.

“We are fifty or a hundred years behind advanced countries. We must make good this distance in ten years. Either we do it or we shall be crushed.” — Stalin

Document #5 – U.S.S.R.

The death toll from the 1932-33 famine in Ukraine has been estimated between six million and seven million. Yet one of Stalin's lieutenants in Ukraine stated in 1933 that the famine was a great success. It showed the peasants "who is the master here. It cost millions of lives, but the collective farm system is here to stay." Source: Library of Congress

Document #6 U.S.S.R.

To speak for human rights or to support freedom of expression was to question the very basis of Marxism-Leninism and the legitimacy of the party's rule. Among those harassed and persecuted were world-renowned artists and scientists, including Nobel Prize winners Boris Pasternak [author of Doctor Zhivago], who was forced to refuse his prize; Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn [author of the Gulag Archipelago], who was forcibly removed from the USSR; and Andrei Sakharov [Russian nuclear physicist], who was expelled from the Academy of Sciences and internally exiled to a closed city. Source: Library of Congress

Document #7 – Fascist Italy

Appeal to the League of Nations by Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, June 1936

I renew my protest against the violations of treaties of which the Ethiopian people has been the victim. I declare in the face of the whole world that the Emperor, the Government and the people of Ethiopia will not bow before force; that they maintain their claims that they will use all means in their power to ensure the triumph of right... Source: Mt. Holyoke

Document #8 Source: John D Clare